In June, 1997 it was decided to carry out amendments to the Delhi Rent Act, 1995 before bringing it into force. Accordingly, the Delhi Rent (Amendment) Bill, 1997 was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 28.7.1997. The Bill was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Urban & Rural Development to examine and report. The Committee examined the Bill in detail and submitted its report on 21.12.2000 suggesting a few more changes. The Government considered the Report of the Committee and accepted all its recommendations. A notice for moving official amendments to the Amendment Bill has also been given to the Secretary-General, Rajya Sabha. At present the Bill is pending before the Rajya Sabha for its consideration. After the Bill is passed by the Parliament and assented to by the President, the Delhi Rent Act, 1995 along with amendments will be brought into force.

Flooding of rain water in Sector VII of R.K. Puram, New Delhi

2049. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Government quarters in Sector-VII, R.K. Puram, New Delhi were flooded with rain water on 29th May, 2002 due to non-desilting of storm-water drains and non-laying of new drain pipes in the area;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether de-silting operations of MCD have not been undertaken in the area for many years and the plans to lay new drain-pipes have not been initiated leading to water logging and drain water overflowing throughout the year; and

(d) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.